

\*In support of Petition RM-10787\*

As an Volunteer Examiner (VE) with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), I am in full agreement with this petition filed by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. In the 21st century, with over 1000 operating modes available to amateur radio hobbyists, it makes no sense at all to subject amateur radio license applicants to a difficult test in the useless and antiquated

Morse Code under any circumstances. Also, as a VE, being forced to administer Morse Code examinations to license applicants with a variety of handicaps that make it virtually impossible for them to pass such an unnecessary examination, clearly amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. Finally, given that the International Amateur Radio Union has now eliminated the requirement for Morse Code testing worldwide, and that virtually every major amateur radio practicing nation has already done the same, it is clearly time for the United States to follow suit. For the record, I hold a General amateur radio license, passed the  
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wpm Morse Code requirement, and have no plans to ever use Morse Code again.

Sincerely,

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